

# LOOK HISTORY IN THE EYE

**2021 CALENDAR**

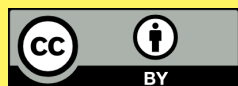
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PROV, VPRS 12903/P1, Item 665/11

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Examples of some of these records can be found within the pages of this calendar, providing a snapshot of some of the key events, decisions, and people that have shaped Victoria.

Look history in the eye with every flip of every month, and start your own research into the collection at [prov.vic.gov.au](http://prov.vic.gov.au) today.



287  
No. 10926 Name *Kelly, Edward*

Height ...	5 ft 10	Scars ...	Two scars on forehead	Death
Weight ...	115 lb	Scars ...	Two scars on forehead	
Complexion ...	Dark	Scars ...	Two scars on forehead	
Eyes ...	Blue	Scars ...	Two scars on forehead	
Nose ...	Medium	Scars ...	Two scars on forehead	
Mouth ...	Medium	Scars ...	Two scars on forehead	
Chin ...	Medium	Scars ...	Two scars on forehead	
Eyebrows ...	Dark	Scars ...	Two scars on forehead	
Neck ...	Medium	Scars ...	Two scars on forehead	
Forehead ...	Medium	Scars ...	Two scars on forehead	
Date of Birth ...	1855	Scars ...	Two scars on forehead	
Native place ...	Victoria	Scars ...	Two scars on forehead	
Trade ...	Labourer	Scars ...	Two scars on forehead	
Religion ...	Roman Catholic	Scars ...	Two scars on forehead	
Read or Write ...	Both	Scars ...	Two scars on forehead	

Where and before whom tried: *Adelaide, 1880; Melbourne, 1880; Central Criminal Court, 1880; Melbourne Gaol, 1880.*

Half-yearly Report.

When received.	Officers, Sentences, &c.	Expiry of term.	Superintendent.
1880	1880	1880	1880

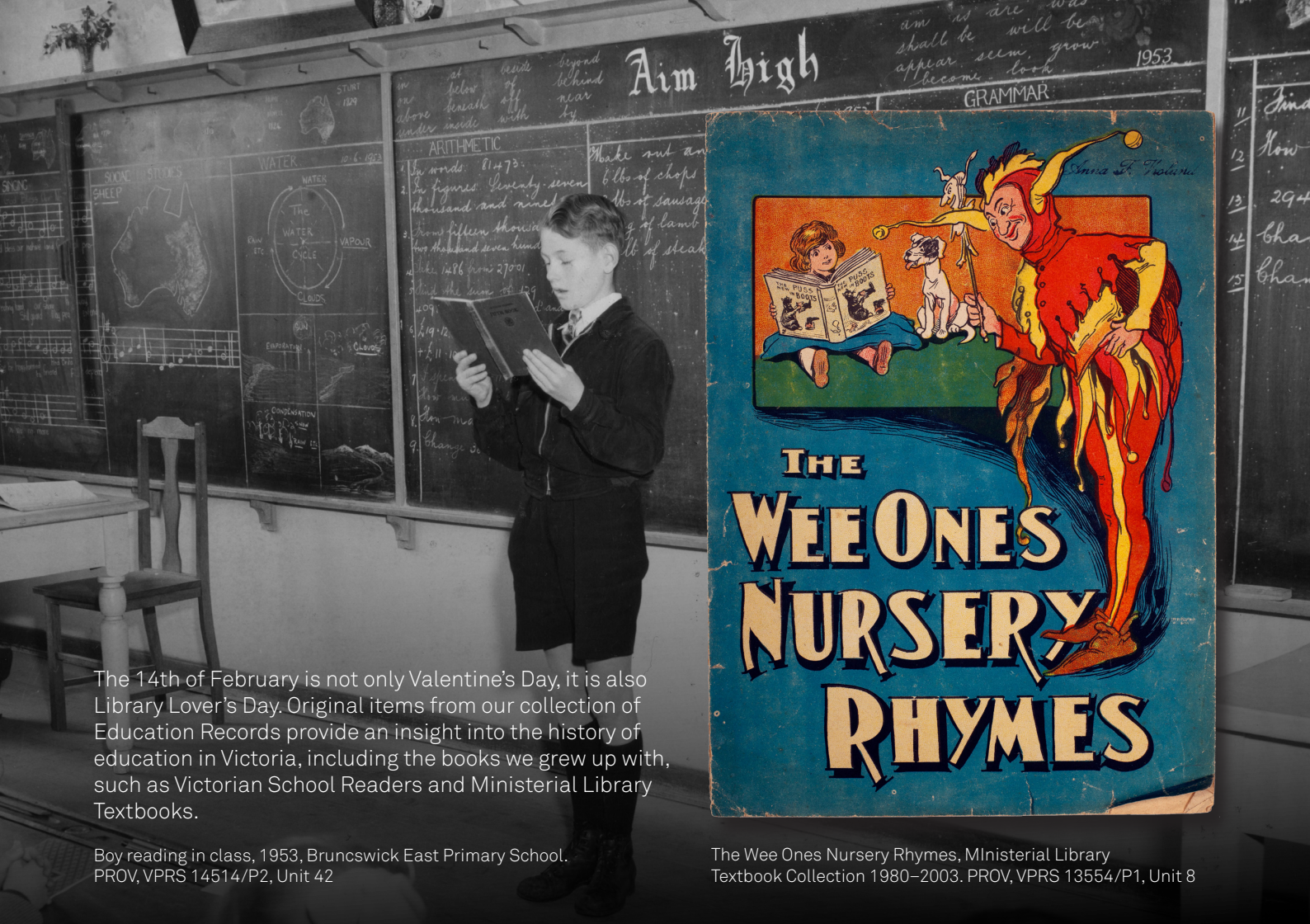
1880

In January 1855 Ned Kelly was just a newborn baby, the third child born to Red and Ellen Kelly. Only 25 years later he was the most renowned bushranger in Victoria, sentenced to death for murder at the Melbourne Gaol in 1880. We hold more original records within our collection about Ned Kelly than any other archival institution in the world. This is one of them. Containing two photographs, this single sheet of paper records Ned's time in and out of gaol and his eventual hanging.

Central Register of Male Prisoners. Penal and Gaols Branch, Chief Secretary's Department, 1873. PROV, VPRS 515/P1, Item 17, No. 10926

# January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 New Year's Day and Section 9 records opening	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26 Australia Day	27	28	29	30
31						



# February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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March is Women's History Month which brings us to one of the most significant items in Public Record Office Victoria's collection.

The Monster Petition signed by 30,000 Victorian women and tabled in the Legislative Assembly in 1891 requesting the right to vote.  
PROV,VPRS 3253/P0 Unit 851

# March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 Labour Day	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			



Photo of the Gervasoni family courtesy of Ken Gervasoni

The soldier settlement scheme, which settled returned World War One soldiers on land across Victoria, helped shape many of the regional towns of today. John Joseph Gervasoni was a second-generation Italian-Australian who served in the Australian infantry from 1915–1918. After the war he and his brother applied for land under the scheme. Unlike many others, the family flourished on the land, producing wine and touring as a family band.

P.H. No. Case No. Deaneys No. 1135  
**Closer Settlement Act 1928 (Part II) (as amended),**  
**DISCHARGED SOLDIER.**

**APPLICATION FOR A LEASE (CONDITIONAL PURCHASE)**  
**SELECTION PURCHASE**

(Applicant) John Joseph Gervasoni Date received 11/11/35  
139 acres 2 roads 33 perches.  
 of Allot. 20 (part of) Section 11 Parish Bombalalane

Land ... ..	1116. 10. 0	Improvements effected by previous tenant ... ..	£	-
Capital Value - Improvements ... ..	245	House erected by Commission ... ..	£	-
Total ... ..	1116. 10. 0	Cost of work done by Commission ... ..	£	-
Principal credited ... ..	£	Boundary fencing to be charged ... ..	£	-
Balance of Principal ... ..	£	Other charges against allotment ... ..	£	-
Half-yearly instalment ... ..	£	TOTAL ... ..	£	-
Advance applied for ... ..	£			

Has this allotment been previously held?  
By A.F. Wall.

Are there any objections to application?  
no.

Registry Board Notice sent ... .. / /

Railway Certificate sent ... .. / /

Previous Selections by Applicant	Land applied for	Survey fee payable
Under Act prior to the Land Act 1928	Previous Corr.	Particulars for first payment—
... ..	Date when granted available	Survey fee (Deposit) ... ..
Under Land Act 1928 and subsequent Acts	Classification	Half-yearly rent ... ..
... ..	Price per acre	Instalment of Balance of Survey fee ... ..
... ..	Set apart for disposal under Part II, Closer Settlement Act 1928	Improvements ... ..
... ..	Grant	£
... ..	Valuation of Improvements £	Circular for payment
		Date of payment

Recommended by the Enquiry Board held at 11/11/35  
 Recommended that this application be granted as additional land pursuant to Sec. 27, Act 4091.  
Malcolm  
 Subject to balance for chance purchase  
 Approved by Closer Settlement Commission on 21/10/36 Subside No. 1135

**PERMIT DATED 1/11/35** **ISSUED 21/10/36**

Noted by Draughtsman CS 24 10/22/36 Lease facing prepared  
 Noted by Ledger-keeper Malcolm Lease to bear date  
 Signature of applicant John Joseph Gervasoni

Page 1 of John Joseph Gervasoni's lease application. PROV, VPRS 5714/P0 Land Selection Files, Section 12 Closer Settlement Act 1938, Unit 369 File 359/12

# April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Good Friday	3 Easter Saturday
4 Easter Sunday	5 Easter Monday	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 Anzac Day	26	27	28	29	30	





When Robert Sperring and Sydney Davidson designed the 'Melbourne Galaxy' in 1978 for the State Government's Landmark Competition, science fiction was a major influence on design. This proposal, like all the other submissions from this competition, never saw the light of day. Today Federation Square occupies about half of the site designated for the landmark.

Detail from *Melbourne Galaxy* by Robert Sperring and Sydney Davidson.  
PROV VPRS 2869/P2, Landmark Competition Drawings, Unit 753

*Water to cascade over all domes.  
Surrounding pools for temper-  
ature and visual effect.*

# May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 Reconciliation Week begins today	31					

李祖

李学

李兆

李倫

李滿

李潤

李秩

李向

袁四

李西

李祺

李顯

譚德

譚平

趙開

趙旺

趙宏

趙文

趙瑰

趙有

趙昌

伍連

伍純

蔡亨

刘緒

刘炎

關基

梁士

李寿

陳作

李猷

李經

李琮

李真

李宣

李帝

李俸

李賢

李女

李溢

李基

譚重

譚寧

趙亨

趙百

李由

李秀

李祿

李張

李樂

李彩

李涓

李謀

李期

李如

李潮

李視

譚章

譚國

趙享

趙就

李鳳

李仕

李佑

李飛

李天

李丙

李湘

李基

李适

李英

李就

李廣

譚寬

譚兆

趙年

趙魁

李儀

李成

李茂

李扶

李地

李富

李氣

李業

李萬

李元

李福

李榮

譚德

譚阿

趙吉

趙培

李維

李旦

12 June 1855, four years into the Gold Rush, the Victorian Government introduced an 'Act for the Provision of Certain Immigrants' to restrict the number of Chinese diggers. The Chinese in Victoria petitioned the Government about the measures that included putting caps on ship arrivals and extra taxes.

Ordered to be printed 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec 1856

John Barton

Clerk of Assembly

To

The Honourable the Legislative Assembly  
of the Colony of Victoria

The humble Petition of the Chinese Storekeepers  
Miners and others now resident on and in the  
neighbourhood of the Bendigo Gold field in the  
said Colony

Sheweth,

That by an Act of His Excellency the Governor of Victoria  
by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council then  
passed in the 18<sup>th</sup> Year of the reign of Her Majesty Queen  
Victoria, and entitled "An Act to make provision for certain  
immigrants," it was by the 4<sup>th</sup> clause thereof enacted that "no  
"arrival at any port of Victoria of any ship having any immigrants  
"on board," meaning thereby the fellow Countrymen of your Petitioners  
"before making entry the master shall pay to the Collector or other  
"proper Officer of Customs a rate of £10 for every such immigrant  
"arrived in each ship."  
That such rate of £10 so ordered to be paid as aforesaid  
is in effect a capitation tax of that amount on all Chinese  
immigrating to the Colony of Victoria.  
That the number of your Petitioners now resident on  
and in the neighbourhood of the Bendigo Gold fields alone  
exceeds five thousand.  
That by reference to the authorities of this and other  
districts, it will be found that your Petitioners do and always  
have conducted themselves in a peaceable and orderly manner.  
That those of your Petitioners who are engaged in  
mining pursuits are chiefly employed on ground that had  
been previously worked by Europeans and abandoned by them as  
no longer remunerative, and that by their industry large quantities

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李拱

陳雄

李倫

陳海

李安

陳美


趙美

陳相

趙維

陳春

# June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 Happy International Archives Day!	10	11	12 
13	14 Queen's Birthday	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			



There's nothing like a spot of tea after a long trip. The Victorian Railways Refreshment Services Branch was set up in 1920 to serve train travellers on the station platforms as well as in the carriages.

A standard waitress uniform.  
PROV, VPRS 12903/P1 Item 177/02



# July

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31



Time to get away! From James Northfield's painterly landscapes in the 1930s to Eileen Mayo's stylised wildlife of the 1950s, the posters commissioned by the Australian National Travel Association and Victorian Railways captured the grandeur of our natural environment, enticing international holiday-makers to our shores. Encouraging Victorians to explore their own backyard may have been an easier sell, but the posters for local attractions were no less dramatic – as evidenced in this Railway poster.

To Melbourne by daylight, Public Transport Photographic Collection.  
PROV, VPRS 12903/P1 Box 696/13

# August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Family History Month begins today!	2	3	4	5	6	7
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				



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21/9/86

Coranderr Station

To  
The Chief Secretary  
Sir

We wish to pass this to act for our wishes that is, could we get our freedom to go away Shearing and Harvesting and to come home when we wish and also to go for the good of our health when we need it, and we Aborigines all wish and hope to have freedom not to be bound down by the Protection of the Board or as it says in the Bill, (Clause, 5) But we should be free like the White Population there is only few Blacks now remaining in Victoria we are all dying away now and we Blacks of Aboriginal blood wish to have now freedom for all our life time for the Population is small and the increase is slow. For why does the Board act in these latter days more stronger authority over us Aborigines than it has yet been. For there is only 24 Aborigines on this station Coranderr including men and women. Yours faithfully

Chief = William Barrack x    Thomas, Aroca x    Carmigan John x  
John, Logan x    Diet, Richard x    Samuel Rowan x  
John, Derrick x    Lang, Mantor x    Mooney, Clark x  
Charles, Kable x    Lanty, Gilmore x  
Thomas, Banfield x    Edward, McLennor x  
Thomas, Gilmon x    Thomas, h/2 Lennon x

"We Aborigines all wish and hope to have freedom, not to be bound down by the Protection of the Board... But we should be free like the White Population," wrote activist and Wurundjeri ngurungaeta (clan leader) William Barak in his letter to the Victorian Chief Secretary on 21 September 1886.

At this time the Aborigines Protection Act (Vic) 1869 gave the government's Board for the Protection of Aborigines extensive control over Aboriginal people's residence, provision of rations, education, working conditions, and the care and custody of children.

William Barak's letter to the Victorian Chief Secretary on 21 September 1886 asking for equal rights for Aboriginal people to leave and return from their homes at will. PROV, VPRS 3992/P0, Unit 145, Item 86/E9263

# September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		






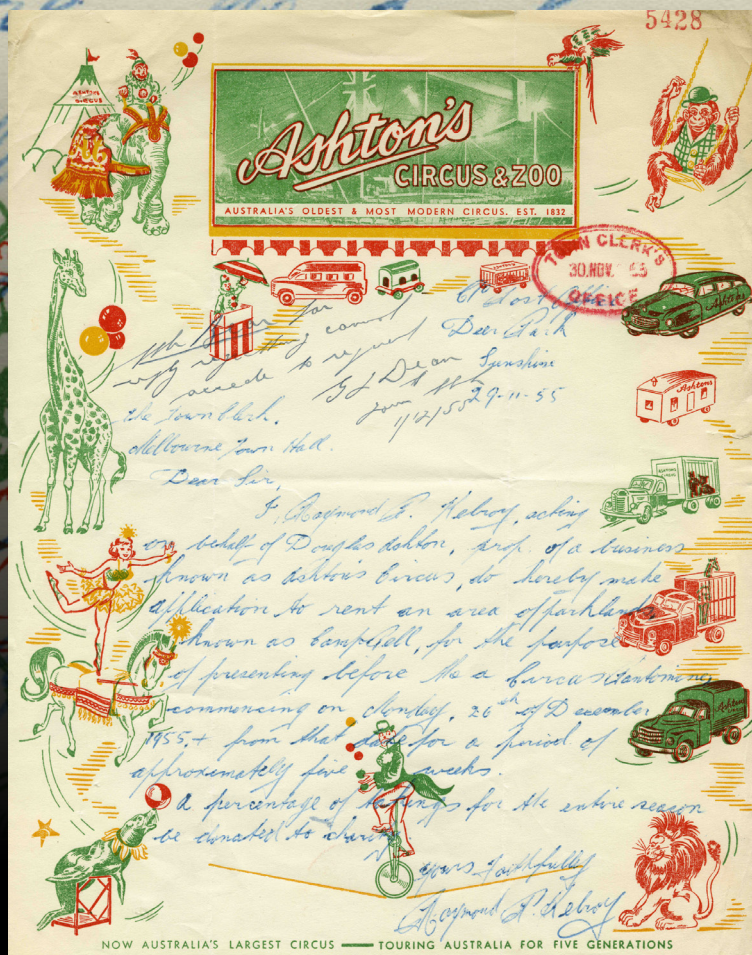
Melbourne's first electric train was trialled on the 6th of October 1918 and public services started the following year. Melbourne was the first city in Australia to electrify its train services, and by 1923, most of Melbourne's suburban services were operated by electric trains.

Flinders Street Station yard showing overhead crossovers and cross span construction of the electrification scheme, c.1919.  
PROV, VPRS 12397/P1 Unit 1

# October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 History Month begins today!	2
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10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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Back when daily correspondence was all done by mail, decorative letterheads were a regular feature. You can find examples of stunning letterheads scattered throughout our collection.

Letter from Ashton's Circus, dated 29 November 1955. PROV, VPRS 3183/P5, Unit 19, Item 5428

# November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Melbourne Cup	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				



The Eureka rebellion of December 1854 was an historically significant rebellion of gold miners from Ballarat. Provoked by an unpopular licensing scheme, the rebellion resulted in trials that failed to convict anyone charged. Some historians believe Eureka shaped the defining values of Australia.

The Bakery Hill poster produced by Henry Seekamp's newspaper The Ballarat Times was used against him as evidence in his trial over the Eureka rebellion. PROV, VPRS 3253/P0, Unit 851

# December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 Christmas Day
26	27 Christmas Day Holiday	28 Boxing Day Holiday	29	30	31 New Year Eve	